

Moran Supports Legislation to Promote Renewable Energy

Measure Promotes Cleaner-Burning Ethanol and Other Grain-Based Fuels

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that he has supported legislation to double the use of ethanol-based fuel nationwide over the next ten years. The Fuel Security Act of 2003 would significantly increase the use of renewable energy from ethanol and biodiesel - both made from Kansas agriculture products.

"Increasing the use of renewable fuel is good not just for our farm economy, but our entire state," Moran said. "This legislation encourages renewable fuel use, which leads to new ethanol plants, the creation of more local jobs, and a greater demand for our farmers and ranchers' crops."

Under the legislation, a national standard for use of renewable fuels will be established, nearly doubling the amount of renewable fuels used in America. Renewable fuels include ethanol and biodiesel made from corn or other biomass, and biodiesel made from soybean oils, vegetable oils or animal fats.

The promotion of renewable fuels is also a positive step for the environment. The used of grain-based ethanol reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 35 to 46 percent when compared with conventional gasoline and reduces carbon monoxide emissions by as much as 30 percent.

Ethanol is also an acceptable alternative to MTBE, a known ground water contaminant.

"American agriculture can lead the way to making our country more energy-independent while creating a cleaner, safer environment and providing a boost to the Kansas economy," Moran concluded.

Last week, Moran attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the state's newest ethanol plant, near Campus in Gove County.

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